

A DESCRIPTION of  
at *Holy-Well*, in *Flintshire*,  
produces, every Minute,  
dred Tons of Water; and  
many DISTEMPERS, and  
dinary Manner, all such  
Pox, or any other severe

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St. WINEFRED, VIRGIN, MARTYR,  
Abbess, and Patroness of Wales. 660.

St. *Winefred's* Well,  
*North Wales*; which Spring  
Night and Day, One Hun-  
BATHING therein cures  
strengthens, in an extraor-  
as have had the SMALL-  
Disorders.

S. NEVETT, No. 3, *Drury-lane*. 1797.

The first Rise of St. *Winefred's* WELL is by some accounted a Miracle, and related as follows :

**T**HAT in the Year Seven Hundred lived WINEFRED, a Virgin of extraordinary Sanctity, who made a Vow of Chastity during Life, and dedicated herself to the Service of GOD.

A Heathen Prince named CRADOC, having often attempted *Winefred's* Chastity in vain, met her some Time after upon the Top of the Hill near *Holywell* Church, and struck off her Head, which rolling down the Hill, was taken up by the Priest of *Holywell*, who being a Favourite of the Almighty's, did, by divine Assistance, replace the Head on *Winefred's* Shoulders, who was thereupon restored to Life, and lived Fifteen Years afterwards.

In the present loose and degenerate Age, many may reckon this Relation fabulous; but if it be considered that the Old and New Testament furnish us with many surprising and miraculous Things, done by the Power of GOD and CHRIST, there can be no Dispute, at least, as to the Possibility of it.

That at the very instant *Winefred* was restored to Life, this Spring arose in that very Place; no doubt in order to perpetuate the Memory of so great an Action, which caused the Christian Religion to increase in a very extraordinary Manner; and *Winefred* being made a Saint, the holy Priest of *Holywell* named the Spring St. *Winefred's* Well; and indeed the Waters seem to be of a singular Nature, and not to be excelled; for, from the original Rise of this Spring to this Day, the Water, by Bathing therein, performs wonderful Cures; it heals those troubled with the Leprosy and many other Diseases, restores the Lame to the Use of their Limbs, as well as Sight to the Blind; and strengthens such as are recovered of the Small Pox. The Physicians are of Opinion the Water is of that excellent Nature as not to be equalled in the Universe; which has caused so great a Resort, that, from a few Houses, *Holywell* is increased to a great Market Town, of fine Buildings, suffi-

ent to entertain the greatest Number of Quality; and the Bathing rendered as agreeable as at any other Wells or Baths.

Here it may be proper to take Notice of what to some People may seem incredible, but the Truth of what is offered will be at any Time demonstrated to the Curious; that is, that by the Gauge, the Bason and Well hold about Two Hundred and Forty Tons of Water, which, when let out, fills again in less than Two Minutes. The Experiment was tried for a Wager, on Tuesday the 12th of July, 1731, Mr. Price, the Rector of *Holywell*, Mr. Williams, Mr. Winn, Dr. Taylor, and several other Gentlemen of *Holywell*, as well as Strangers, and the Publisher of this Relation, being present; when, to the Surprise of the Company, the Well filled in less than Two Minutes; which gave Demonstration, that *Winefred's* Spring rises more than One Hundred Tons every Minute: And although the Water in the Bason is more than Four Feet deep, it is so transparent, that a small Piece of Money may be seen at the Bottom of the Bason; nay, some say, a Pin may be seen therein; the Water, in rising, seeming to boil like a Caldron or Copper heated by an excessive Fire.

In the Bottom of the Bason are several large Pebble Stones, which to the Eye appear as if besprinkled or besmeared with Blood; One of which Stones has sometimes the Resemblance of a Flower Pot, when bedecked with the choicest Flowers of the Season.

And the said Spring, in View, turns Three Mills a-breast, and several Mills below them never wanted Water.

There are other curious and remarkable Things, of a surprising Nature, related of St. *Winefred's* Waters, and their Excellency; which gives the utmost Satisfaction to the Bathers and Resorters thereto, the Number of which has been, and still is, very great.